

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20TH, 2017
6:30 P.M.
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The City of Girard Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor, Kurt Ziegler with City Clerk, Debra Smith, calling roll to determine quorum present. The following council members answered roll: Sheldon DeLange, 1st Ward; Lucas Stansbury, 2nd Ward; and Danny Murray, 3rd Ward. Mike West, 4th Ward, was absent. There was a quorum present.

Also present was City Administrator, Chris Weiner and City Attorney, Richard D. Loffswold, Jr., (arriving at 6:40 P.M.)

A prayer was given by DeLange.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led Mayor Ziegler.

Motion by Murray, seconded by DeLange, accept the agenda as presented but change Kelly Peak's name to Lucas Stansbury under governing body comments on the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by DeLange, seconded by Stansbury, accept consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Jason McMahon from Midwest Public Risk Insurance Pool was present to inform council of the premium MPR could offer the city for 2017 property and liability insurance for the City. Ray Ryan with Ryan Insurance was also present with the renewal rate from EMC for the 2017 property and liability insurance. After much discussion with both companies it was decided to remain with Ryan Insurance/EMC Insurance. Motion by DeLange, seconded by Murray, approve option #2 of the Ryan/EMC insurance proposal for \$85,318.00 after the dividend check cost has been subtracted effective April 1st, 2017. Motion carried.

Earl Harris was present to talk about the "agreement" presented to the City by his neighbor, Randy Bennett. The Council decided it was an area that they should not be involved with, and didn't accept or support any agreement. It was decided to be fair to all, the city will install a gate across the unopened portion of Centennial Drive. Motion by Murray, seconded by DeLange, have city crews install a gate across Centennial Drive. Motion carried.

City Administrator Weiner presented two Water System Studies by two different engineering firms to conduct a west water tower evaluation for operation, a water distribution system master plan and water supply and treatment plant evaluation. Both firms would allow about 180 days for project completion.

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Motion by DeLange, seconded by Stansbury, award Water Distribution System Master Plan to PEC for \$32,000 (this includes the West Water Tower Operations) and the Water Supply Study and Treatment Plant Evaluation to Olsson Engineering for \$25,900. Aye- DeLange, Stansbury. Nay-Murray. Motion carried.

City Administrator Weiner presented a Streets Condition Survey and Assessment which will allow the city to plan for priority street work based on the assessment. Only Olsson presented a bid for this study. After discussion from the council, it was tabled until a Public Works Director was hired on City staff to review the study and make recommendations.

Motion by DeLange, seconded by Murray, rehire Bud Mayberry as a part-time Cemetery/Rec staff member at the wage of \$8.00 per hour effective March 23, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Murray, seconded by Stansbury, set special meetings on March 22, March 28 and March 30 at 6:30 for the purpose of interviewing for a Public Works Director. Motion carried.

The mayor asked Weiner to advertise for persons interested in serving on the Raymond Community Home Board and submit letters of interest to the Mayor, now that the board has been expanded to five.

At 9:25 P.M. the meeting was called into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel and 10 minutes for land acquisition to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney and City Administrator on a motion by Murray, seconded by DeLange. Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 9:45 P.M. with a motion by Murray, seconded by DeLange, terminate employment of Seth Melton effective immediately, March 20, 2017. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 P.M. on a motion by Murray, seconded by DeLange. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

KURT ZIEGLER, MAYOR

DEBRA J. SMITH, CMC, CITY CLERK